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Commissioner of Patents
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RE: U.S. Application Serial No: 08/833,096
Appeals Brief

Dear Commissioner:

On December 30, 1998, Attorney Jack Dominik, reg. no. 17,620, submitted the enclosed Appeals Brief on behalf of Applicants. For some reason, the United States Postal Service mailed the packet back to us. We received it on today's date, December 31, 1998. As you can see by the post mark, the packet was deposited in the mail on December 30, 1998. This is confirmed by the Certificate of Mailing enclosed in the unopened returned packet.

The 30th was the last day to timely file the Appeal Brief. Accordingly, we ask that the Patent Office accept the documents as though filed on the 30th, the day the documents were actually mailed.

Very Truly Yours
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